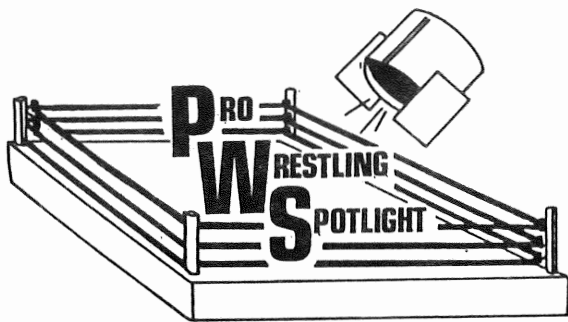




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WHO IS THE REAL MONSTER?

NO MORE ROIDS!

On Tuesday, March 24th, the World Wrestling Federation held a Steroid Symposium at the Plaza Hotel in New York City. Vince McMahon, Jr. along with a panel of three experts presented some 40-50 members of the media with some informative facts concerning the vast growing problem of steroid abuse.

Dr Mauro G. DiPasquale headed the session. Dr. DiPasquale is presently a licensed physician in Ontario, Canada specializing in sports medicine. With a quite impressive list of credentials, DiPasquale began the seminar with a brief history and general description of steroids. After confirming that steroids do indeed work, DiPasquale went into the side effects that males could suffer from. "Side effects may be played up in the media too much. Anabolic steroids are drugs. They are used as any other drug. They could be good, or bad," stated DiPasquale. Acne, tendency for baldness (if the generic trait is present), formation of breast tissue, liver problems, heart problems, cholesterol problems, and unicorn were listed as the possible side effects. "Roid Rage is unproven," said DiPasquale. "I think that if the tendency is there, the anabolic steroids may bring out some abnormalities. Whether or not you get vast differences when you use large doses is pretty hard to prove."

As far as the law DiPasquale stated, "It's a felony to have anabolic steroids in your possession. Theoretically it's a felony to have a positive anabolic steroid drug test. It's making for some interesting times."

"Can you tell if a person is using anabolic steroids?" questions DiPasquale. "There are clues. If someone gains 40 pounds of muscle in two months you might say he might be using anabolic steroids. But you can't look at a person and say he definitely is using anabolic steroids, and he is not using anabolic steroids unless you do definite testing."

"There are many ways to mask any of the adverse effects that anabolic steroids bring about," added DiPasquale. There are people using anabolic steroids that won't train their upper bodies so as not to get too much muscle mass and look like they're using it. So there are all kinds of ways. The person who is unsophisticated and uses massive amounts gets puffy and big, and you see the acne everywhere. You can guess at it that way. However, unless you do definitive testing, it's impossible to say for sure. I wouldn't like to point to anybody and say he's definitely a user."

Kim Jasper, the president of CDT Inc, and organization that administers and audits drug testing programs for professional sports organizations and industry, showed step by step how the urine sample are collected. Following Dr. Jasper was Mark Faulkner, from Aegis Analytical Laboratories Inc. Faulkner explained how the lab testing of the urine was done.

Dr. DiPasquale re-took the floor and had this to say, "It's a societal problem. We put the carrot in front of the athlete and expect him not to do something to try and nab it. They want an edge, drugs give them that edge. We can change our morals and ethics, but I don't think that's going to happen. We consider winning very important, that's just the way we are. Athletes use drugs to get what society has to offer. They are used for purposes of obtaining what we consider society-valuable."

DiPasquale continued, "I think drug testing is valid, but I think it needs some work. This is what we've done with the WBF over the last two months. We met with the talent and told them they were going to stop the drug use now. At that point they said they weren't going to use drugs. Can you believe them?"

"We're going to back this up by drug testing, but there's a twist. We're going to do more comprehensive drug testing. We're going to test for components that the International Olympic Committee doesn't test for. We're going to test for compounds which I know they're using to beat the test."

"If you are going to tell an athlete you can't use drugs, you are also going to tell the athlete we still want you to look good, we still want you to perform, we still want you to win. There lies a dilemma. We've offered them an alternative. Maximizing androgens hormones. We want to maximize the anabolic (building up of muscle tissue) while minimizing the catabolic (breaking down of muscle tone) effects. This can be done by specific exercise, a specific diet, and by using natural supplements; by increasing growth hormone for example."

Vince McMahon then led the question and answer segment of the seminar. When asked about the cost of the testing Dr. DiPasquale said, "We're looking at between \$500-\$700 dollars per test. I have a carte blanche." Vince added, "We'll be testing random unannounced all year round. As a matter of fact we've been testing drugs and abuse on a weekly basis. Nobody does that."

DiPasquale added, "By unannounced random testing, we are going to be pulling them off the street, out of restaurants, it's going to be interesting. We're going to be pulling them in an van with a toilet."

When asked how damaging the steroid allegations have been to his business McMahon said, "Our first test was in November of last year, we announced in August of last year that we were going to have the most comprehensive policy of anyone. That has happened. We've asked the media, time time again when in fact there were questions about our policies and procedures that were reported on. We've asked those individuals who have reported on that to please contact our physicians, please call them, look into our policies, compare our policies with those that exist today with everybody else, do a study, look into it. Unfortunately the more we have chased those member of the media, the more they have backed away. Again, wanting to listen to former wrestlers who may be disgruntled and grabbing a headline here or there."

"We will be the standard bearer for the International Olympic Committee, and for all of sports, both amateur as well as professional."

DiPasquale added, "We will make it a level playing field. One person is not going to be able to use drugs while another one can't. The level of sophistication to beat this drug test that I'm setting up is not there. I can't beat the drug test." When asked if he could beat all others that he knew about DiPasquale answered, "Yes, no doubt about that. The sophisticated athletes can take what they want."

When asked, "Why can you set up this program now in this organization, and you couldn't set it up for the IOC

or anyone else." DiPasquale answered, "We have more money, Vince is willing to put out the money for it."

When asked of the budget he was working with McMahon said, "We're spending in the neighborhood of 3/4 of a million dollars. That's per year. That breaks down to 50 to 60 individuals. The cost per individual is extremely high. We're ready to spend whatever it takes."

In answer to the question, "Why do it?" McMahon answered, "It's very important that we make sure we maintain proper legal protocol notwithstanding the moral and ethical aspect of it as well. It's an opportunity for us to make sure that we are the standard bearers and that are athletes are looked upon indeed in the superstar status that they so richly deserve. It's also good business, I must add that."

"It's common sense that if a sponsor is going to invest in a certain athlete, it is important to know all about that athlete. It's important to know whether or not that athlete is pre-disposed to staying out all night, to partying, to whatever the image of that athlete may be. Thus, it's very important for us in terms of the image of the WWF and the WBF to maintain those standards of excellence. Again, that's good business," added McMahon.

This question was then posed to Dr. DiPasquale, would your relationship with TitanSports change if for some reason the tests and current procedures you designed were not upheld or maintained." Dr. DiPasquale answered, "Yes, it would. I wouldn't stay. That won't happen though."

McMahon added, "There reputations are on the line. Surely just for TitanSports they are not going to improve their reputations." DiPasquale added, "I wouldn't even consider it."

The next question posed to McMahon was, "You said that 15% still tested positive, are their contracts going to be terminated." McMahon answered, "No. Thank you for asking that question. When we did our initial test, slightly less than 50% tested in terms of having a compound, it doesn't mean that they had metabolites that were just -- it doesn't mean that they were just taking a shot, or orally taking a steroid. All it means is that either could be the case, or it very well could have been the case in which Mauro (Dr. DiPasquale) mentioned earlier in which metabolites were picked up in the test, which is a very sensitive test, from steroid usage in the past."

"Slightly less than 15% who tested positive in that it was either there from the past, or currently. The first test was not a punitive one, it was to determine level, and who is taking steroids, and who is not. At the level we are at now, we are told that 15% of our athletes basically still have a metabolite in their bodies. That 15% is assumed to be simply a residue left in their body, metabolites from a past usage, not current usage. That's a big, big difference."

McMahon ended the symposium by saying, "I don't now that we are going to publicly announce that an individual has failed a test. It's self serving. It's important to work with the athlete. First time punitive measure, second time punitive measure, third time strike three. Up until strike three occurs and you're out, we try to help the athlete overcome these problems."

EDITORIAL

TEN POINTS OF LIGHT

As editor of the **Pro Wrestling Spotlight Weekly**, it is my duty to inform you that John Arezzi is no longer on our staff. Creative, as well as business reasons, have forced John and myself to discontinue our relationship.

As paid subscribers, I feel that I should share my side of the story with you. I consider my subscribers family, and families should have no secrets.

I have been a journalist for 13 years. I take great, great pride in my trade. I have always done what I felt deep inside was right. There are times when I have paid dearly for doing what I thought was the right thing to do. I was once beaten up by a number of basketball players at Indiana State University for reporting what I felt was the truth. I could not live with myself if I did something that I truly did not believe in. My friends, it was getting to the point that I no longer was believing in what the **Pro Wrestling Spotlight** was doing.

I have been a wrestling journalist for some 90 days. In those 90 days the lying and deceit of my so-called colleagues, the "inside" wrestling media, was too much for me to handle. When it came down to hurting innocent people, it was time for me to walk.

There were "ten points of light" that made my decision for me. Ten points that I no longer could ignore.

1. **Hulk Hogan doing cocaine on an airplane in 1983.** We were in the studio at WEVD when John Arezzi hung up the phone with Dave Meltzer of the "Wrestling News Observer." John turned to me and said, "Dave's ready to break a big story. He has two witnesses who saw Hulk Hogan do cocaine on an airplane in 1983." I thought he was kidding me. "1983?" I said. "Isn't this 1992?" I then asked myself the question, "Is this what these guys do? Is it a matter of getting any dirt you can, even if it is 9 years old" In **PWSW** issue #7, 2/24/92 (Laying It On the Line) you will see that I mentioned that in an editorial.

2. **Superstar Billy Graham on Phil Donahue.** I had spent two hours in the WEVD studio with Barry Orton, Dave Meltzer and Superstar Billy Graham the night before the Donahue show. The show that night was intense. You could feel the tension in the air. Allegations flew that night. I was responsible for bringing the midgets on. However, I let them tell their story (see **PWSW** issue #12, 3/30-4/6., 1992). They wanted equal time, so I gave it to them.

My problem came the next day when I sat at home, and watched the same group on the Donahue show. I did not go to the NBC studios with John because something told me to stay away. During the show Superstar told Donahue that on one occasion when he arrived at an arena early, he saw Pat Patterson with a young ringboy. Graham went on to say that Patterson had one hand on the boy's shoulder and the other on his crotch. I thought, "Wait a minute. Superstar was on our show yesterday, telling all, and he never told that story." If it was important enough to mention on Donahue, why was it overlooked the day before on our wrestling radio show. Something was very strange here.

3. **Phil Mushnick of the New York Post comparing Vince McMahon to Hannibal Lecter.** Hannibal Lecter killed and cannibalized people. Is this Vince McMahon? This was

way out of bounds for me. What exactly did Vince McMahon do to deserve this comparison. Was it over-looking steroid abuse? This practice is commonplace in the "American, apple pie" NFL. Does this make Pete Rozelle and Paul Tagliabue also Hannibal Lecters? What about olympic trainers, many athletes they train use steroids and they turn the other cheek if not help mask it! This was nothing but a personal attack. Phil Mushnick -- a journalist you are not.

4. **A writer from People Magazine calling a wrestling friend of mine, and questioning him about an incident that happened some ten years ago.** Again. They are digging for anything. Are these people glory hounds? Where does it end?

5. **My face to face encounter with Vince McMahon, Jr.** This is significant because on this day Vince McMahon told me that he has never met Phil Mushnick face to face. You compare a man you never met to Hannibal Lecter? Where are your guts Phil? Again, a journalist you are not. I hope some of your readers are starting to get the picture.

6. **John Arezzi on Hulk Hogan and steroids.** I read John a letter from Dr. Anthony Daly to Vince McMahon. In the letter Daly, who was doing the steroid testing informed Vince, "I have noticed several articles in the papers about Hulk Hogan and as an aside he has been tested four times for anabolic steroids and has never shown a positive even on the very initial test." I said, "John, this means Hulk has been clean since at least November (that was the first test.)" John simply looked at me and laughed.

I want to know, when did John Arezzi find the time to personally test Hulk Hogan for steroids. If he was laughing he must know something Dr. Daly doesn't. The fact is, these guys think they know it all. Their philosophy is -- whatever the WWF has to say is all lies -- PERIOD. They all think they are world authorities. Where the hell is their objectivity?

7. **John informs me that a group is coming together to form a ban against the WWF.** Boycott the WWF? The entire WWF? The secretaries, the ring boys, the camera crews, Elizabeth, Chief Jay Strongbow, George "the Animal" Steele, Fred Blassie, Gene Okerlund, Ric Flair, Luke and Butch? What have these innocent people done? You boycott the WWF, you boycott all the people employed by them. I can't imagine that Hillbilly Jim had anything to do with this. How about Mr. Fuji? Is he Hannibal Lecter too?

8. **Dave Meltzer being invited, but not going to the WWF Steroid Symposium.** Alright, maybe Dave was busy with his newsletter, I can understand that. However, the wrestling media has been pointing the finger at the WWF concerning steroid abuse for some time now. Here they are presenting a major new steroid policy, and the editor of the "New York Times" of Wrestling doesn't show up. The WWF finally invited wrestling media to an event, even offered to pay airfare/ travel expenses, and some of us are too busy to attend. Yet we find time for Donahue, Geraldo, etc...Where are our priorities? Or...do we really care about the truth at all?

9 & 10. **Phil Mushnick's articles in the New York Post on March 25th and 26th.** Since I was present at the WWF Steroid Symposium, I know first hand that both of

these articles are filled with half-truths and non-truths. For further details read "Why the Pen is Mightier Than the Sword" elsewhere in this issue.

Ladies, gentlemen, children, those are the FACTS. I could not take it anymore. These so-called journalists attack Vince McMahon and the WWF for their own personal gain. The glory of it all -- Donahue, Geraldo, Sally Jessie, Oprah. Is Mike Douglas still around?

True, I myself have written articles panning the WWF in the past, but I never attacked anyone personally. I panned angles, I panned television, I panned poor taste, and things that might hurt children. I never called anybody "Hannibal Lecter."

We are not judge nor jury. We are journalists. Forget the glory, forget the fame, forget the soap box, just do your GD job!

In this newsletter you are not going to get sensationalism, you are going to get the facts. If you want to read the trust--stay with me, if you want mis-truths and lies--don't renew.

They are going to say I sold out, that's all they can say. If you think I sold out, then you had better go back and read this editorial again, because I have never been more honest in my life.

WHY THE PEN IS MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD

This is going to be a class in journalism for my readers. Journalism is the art of reporting the facts in a non-biased fashion to your readers. Remember Dragnet? The facts and only the facts. Well that's journalism. An editorial is an opinion. Right now you are reading an editorial. Phil Mushnick's column "Equal Time" in the New York Post appears to be an editorial, even though the word editorial doesn't appear anywhere in his column. I'll give him the benefit of the doubt and label it an editorial.

In a column on March 25th, Mushnick opens up by saying, "The twisted men of the World Wrestling Federation know no limits." In his first sentence he has already established that all men employed by the WWF are twisted. So, in other words, he must know all the men in the WWF in order to determine that they are all twisted. You see what I mean? It is already clear that Phil Mushnick cannot be objective.

I'm being picky you say? All right, I'll go on. Mushnick next says that a steroid symposium was conducted for "naive, unsuspecting, and credibility-free members of the media. You know why I have a problem with that? Because I was there! I don't consider myself naive, unsuspecting, or credibility-free. You see Phil, you just called me names that upset me. You don't even know me but yet you labeled me with names. What do you do for a living again? Oh yes, you are a journalist.

In another paragraph Mushnick tries to discredit Dr. Mauro DiPasquale by writing, "Last week's Village Voice identified the Canadian doctor as celebrated by steroid abusers throughout North America as an expert in beating drug tests."

Since Phil Mushnick wasn't present at the steroid symposium presented by the WWF, and led by Dr. Mauro

DiPasquale...Say what? You didn't know Mr. Mushnick didn't attend? Oh yes. Mr. "Equal Time" was both mailed and faxed an invitation, however **he did not attend**. He claims to have been covering this story for nine months, yet Vince McMahon and the WWF announce a major steroid testing policy and Phil Mushnick does not show up! Were you out fishing, Phil?

Back to DiPasquale.

At the seminar DiPasquale was asked, "Could you beat all steroid tests that you know of?" DiPasquale answered, "Yes. Most sophisticated athletes can take what they want. **HOWEVER**," DiPasquale went on, "The level of sophistication to beat this drug test that I'm setting up **IS NOT THERE. I CAN'T BEAT THIS DRUG TEST.**" Remember that Phil? Oh yes, I forgot you weren't there. I'll let you borrow my tape if you apologize for calling me naive, unsuspecting, and credibility free.

Are you starting to see how easy it is to mislead your readers? Phil Mushnick is a master of this.

But wait, the best is yet to come. On Friday, March 27th, Phil Mushnick decides to again wield his deadly pen.

Mushnick writes --"On the CNN show King asked the following, "You're saying there is no steroid use in the WWF?" Answered McMahon, "Yes, that's exactly what I'm saying."

But eleven days later - this past Tuesday -- at a symposium (public relations con) he held on steroid usage, McMahon said the WWF initial tests showed, "Slightly less than 50%" of his wrestlers tested positive for steroids, but that his latest testing showed "Approximately 15%" of his wrestlers tested positive. If you're scoring at home, McMahon said two weeks ago on national TV that steroid use in the WWF was zero percent, but this week said McMahon, those testing positive for steroids is at 15%. So the number was about 50% before McMahon's appearance on King, zero percent on the night he appeared with King, and now it's 15%.

Think this guy has a little trouble with the truth?

No Phil, **you have a lot of trouble with the truth.**

First, how can you report on what Vince McMahon said when you weren't there to hear it. Are you the invisible man now?

For the readers out there who **want the truth**, here it is.

What Phil "The Invisible Man" Mushnick is referring to is a point in the symposium where Vince McMahon spoke of a report he received from Dr. Anthony F. Daly, Jr. M.D. Dr. Daly who had been doing the drug testing for the WWF wrote McMahon a letter on March 23, 1992. The letter read, *"Our initial anabolic steroid tests indicated approximately a 50% usage by the wrestlers. In all of the succeeding tests to date there have been no indication that any of the wrestlers have continued to use anabolic steroids. Our recent tests, within the last two weeks, showed 15% positive. But even this figure is misleading in the sense that these were not new positives.* As I informed the athletes and as you well know the anabolic steroids can remain in the system for some six to nine months after the initial dosage is given. We do have a way however, by measuring the ratio of metabolites in the urine to determine whether there is ongoing use of anabolic steroids of whether the athlete has in

fact stopped using them. **None of the recent three positives indicate ongoing use but in fact indicate that they have stopped** and the oil based anabolic steroid continues to appear in their urine although in decreasing amounts all the time.

That, my friends, is what Vince McMahon had to say about the steroid usage. Phil Mushnick **failed** to report that. If Dr. Daly and Vince McMahon are telling the truth, then **no wrestlers in the WWF are on steroids.**

You say that's a lie Mr. Mushnick. Fine. Prove it. Don't sit there and call the man a liar and compare him to Hannibal Lecter -- **prove it.**

You want to know why I'm so ticked. In trying to bring down Vince McMahon, Phil Mushnick is also trying to pull down the entire WWF. This I will not stand for. What about all the people employed by the WWF who you so desperately want to put out of work? What have they done? You are also scarring every wrestler employed by the WWF. Heroes to millions of kids, and I'm sure some damn good men and fathers. Do you know how many times I was asked by children this week, what WWF wrestlers were gay? You are responsible for this, and you must be stopped. I have two boys of my own and I refuse to let their heroes be attacked by a truth twisting reporter such as yourself. Mr. Wrestling Authority, have you ever heard of Barry Darsow. Of course not. Barry Darsow (The Repo Man) made a personal appearance at my video store some three years ago. Darsow asked me if he could leave 5 minutes early so he could catch an earlier plane so he could spend some time with his young son. When I agreed Darsow was so thankful and grateful to me, that I never forget that. **These are the men you are hurting, and I won't stand around and do nothing about it.**

As far as Vince McMahon goes, I am not his judge or his jury. I only report on the facts. When I have a question I go to the source. If you want to be Phil "Columbo" Mushnick, be my guest. Keep in mind people, that after nine months of hard investigative reporting Phil Mushnick has avoided Vince McMahon and a one on one confrontation. Phil, in order to beat the man, a fair journalist has to meet the man. If you don't meet the man you are reporting on hear-say, if you are reporting on hear-say, you are a gossip columnist not a sports columnist.

It's ironic that you call your column "Equal Time." If your column was any more slanted I would have to read the paper at an angle. Mr. Mushnick, I was taught fair journalism my first day as a freshman at Indiana State University. Maybe you were absent from class your first day, if such is the case I recommend you go back to school.

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ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

As I looked over the Daily News this morning I could only be sick to my stomach as I read TV Sports by Bob Raissman. It is 10 am, I sit alone in my office trying to put my feelings into words. I used to get so upset when I would call the WWF offices and plead with Steve Planamenta to open his door (see my editorial Issue #10, 3/16/92) to have some kind of communication with PWSW. Steve would always go on about how the media would lie about the WWF, and how his comments were taken out of context. I never believed Steve Planamenta. Today I do.

I will never comment to the media again. I spoke to Bob Raissman on the phone for one hour yesterday, and yet I was quoted **twice**. What happened to the rest of my comments? Where was the part about Phil Mushnick and his deception to the readers of The New York Post (see - Editorial-Ten Points of Light) elsewhere in this issue)? Where was the part about John Arezzi terminating our relationship after I told John that I wanted to expose Phil Mushnick on our radio show? Where was the part about me setting up a meeting for myself AND JOHN AREZZI with the WWF to better of communications? Where is the part about John lying to his listeners about no one from the wrestling media being invited to the WWF Steroid Symposium when John himself told me Dave Meltzer was not only invited but the WWF offered to fly him in? Where is the part where I stated that I will not stand for a pack of glory hungry members of the media trying to hurt innocent people? Where was all this Mr. Raissman, maybe you should invest in some Q-tips and clean the wax out of your ears.

You want to know why none of that was reported? Here's why. On Friday afternoon I received a phone call from John Arezzi and Phil Mushnick. I pointed out to Phil that he was indeed a liar, and his story that appeared in the New York Post last week was filled with half-truths and deceptions. Phil started to yell at me -- so I hung up on him.

John called one of my staff first thing Saturday morning. He mentioned that he was going to start his own newsletter and that, "PWSW is not going to last because there's a piece coming out in the Daily News."

On Sunday I pick up the Daily News -- no story.

On Monday I get a call from Bob Raissman. I tell him my story for one hour.

Here it is Tuesday morning and Raissman's article comes out praising Arezzi, and panning yours truly. Yes, Mr. Raissman, **I get the picture, the real picture.**

I hang up on Phil Mushnick. Phil Mushnick tells Arezzi, "Let me call my friend Bob Raissman at the Daily News." Mushnick couldn't write this article because I already had the facts that proved him to be a liar. Him panning me wouldn't be believable. However, a story by his Bozo look-alike friend Bob Raissman would do the trick.

You guys are pathetic - **plain and simple**. I would be embarrassed to be associated with either one of you. One lies, and the other swears to it. The two of you are the Heckle and Jeckle of journalism.

Raissman stated "**Sources say** McMahon let Russo know that a good relationship with the WWF could be beneficial to the future of the show (Pro Wrestling Spotlight radio show) and beneficial to the bank accounts

of both Arezzi and Russo."

Sources say, sources say? I spoke to Vice McMahon **one-on-one**, there was nobody else present. So who are the sources? We now have two lies. 1) There was **no** source. 2) Vince McMahon never let me know anything. Benefit my bank account? Call me up, not only will I give you the telephone number of my bank, I will give you the authority to find out how much is in there. Now I know why Mushnick refers to Pinnochio in his columns so often. Pinnochio must be the idol of both Mushnick and Raissman. I bet you they've seen the movie hundreds of times.

You also say, "Russo paused before issuing what amounted to a non-denial."

No Raissman, Russo paused because you were trying to put words in my mouth. Also I didn't issue a non-denial, I just wanted to be civil and not say John Arezzi lied. However, if it makes you feel better I will say it now. John Arezzi lied.

Speaking about John Arezzi, "I believe Vince McMahon wants me off radio. He knows I'm broke and he's trying to play on that weakness. But I'd rather be broke and out of business than take money -- dirty money."

John, give me a break. You sound like an American folk hero -- where's your ax and your blue ox named Babe? Dirty or not, you had **no** problem taking my money. You had no problem taking over \$10,000 from me in a three month period.

In my opinion, you are nothing more than a glory hound on a quest to hang Vince McMahon and the WWF. You don't care if it takes lies, you don't care if it take deception, and you don't care if it takes half-truths. In the meantime you are hurting innocent people along the way, and as I said before this, I won't stand for it.

What we have here is a good 'ol fashioned witch hunt. Who will win? Will it be Arezzi, or will it be Mushnick? Maybe Bob Raissman will now join in on the fun.

The bottom line is that these glory mongers will stop at nothing to bury Vince McMahon and the WWF. If innocent people get hurt along the way --**so what**. The shame of it all is that they are doing this for the mere personal attention it draws to them. That my friends is very, very sad.

BOOB TUBE BASHINGS & BRAVOS WWF

Shawn Michaels appeared ringside at a **Brett Hart** match. Following **Wrestlemania VIII**, this very well could be the feud of the year.

Ric Flair along with the aide of **Mr. Perfect** delivered a press conference to an empty arena. Nobody could have put this segment over...with the exception of Flair.

Lex Luger made an appearance plugging **Wrestlemania** and **WBF** body stars.

Brett Hart and **Roddy Piper** shook hands and said, "See you at **Wrestlemania VIII**."

The **Hulk Hogan** tribute was one of the most interesting shows of the year. Here are a few reasons why:

In a Shawn Michaels/Roddy Piper match **Sensational Sherry** appeared ringside wearing an outfit that she could have been arrested for. I, however, didn't mind looking

at her.

After Piper accidentally knocked out the referee, Sherri took off her boot, threw it to Shawn, and Michaels clocked Piper with it. Brett Hart came ringside, gave the boot to Piper, then Roddy clocked Michaels with it.

But this time the referee had come to, and Piper was disqualified. A disgruntled Piper yelled at Hart screaming, "I don't need your help."

Either Piper turns heel at Wrestlemania VIII, or he goes back to the movie business after Hart takes the IC belt.

The heavyweight champion Ric Flair showed up and figure-foured a helpless Jim Brunzell.

In the most interesting encounter of the evening Vince McMahon questioned Miss Elizabeth about the Rick Flair photos. Liz told McMahon that Flair doctored the photos, and they were really photos of her and Savage. This is not significant you say? It's not. However, look a little more closely at Elizabeth's answers.

"We are scarred for life. People will look at us differently.

"I can't believe that the WWF magazine would have printed those pictures without coming to Randy and I first.

"We will be vindicated when we tell our side."

Was Vince McMahon passing some subliminal messages our way? Was Vince McMahon questioning Vince McMahon on this whole negative media fiasco? Was Vince McMahon trying to tell his side of the story? Maybe. I think he was. If you taped this piece go back and look at it.

Hogan/Ultimate Warrior Wrestlemania VI match was shown in its entirety. There is no doubt in my mind that by the time you read this the Ultimate Warrior will be back in the WWF. With Hogan leaving the scene, this frees some money for Vince -- money that he refused to pay the Warrior some 7 or 8 months ago. I've said that no matter what you say about the man, he's a great business man -- moves like this prove my point.

Is something REALLY mentally wrong with Jake Roberts. His looks scare even this writer lately.

The last segment was an interview conducted by Vince McMahon, his subject -- Hulk Hogan. You can call both of these men whatever you want, however, I felt that this encounter showed a general gratitude between the two. When Vince asked Hulk, "Is this your last match, the last time we see you in the ring?" Hogan answered. "I won't know until I come out of the ring." Which of course, to this writer means no.

McMahon and Hogan shook hands and looked each other square in the eye. I would give anything to know what the both of them were thinking at that particular moment.

WCW

Now I know why they keep Missy Hyatt around. Did you see that shear black top she was sporting? There was no way I was going to even think about flipping the channel.

J.D. Southern, a Van Hammer look alike is introduced. I would have to think since two Hammers aren't needed, the original one may soon be leaving the scene.

After delivering a "rude awakening" to Marcus Bagwell, Rick Rude was ambushed by Ricky Steamboat. Has

Bagwell's neck taken a beating over the past few weeks, or what?

They are showing the Sting/Van Vader incident way too many times.

Taylor/Valentine defeated Bagwell/Zinc to defend the U.S. Tag Team Titles.

THE WRESTLING MENU

by DONNY LAIBLE

Remember where you heard it first. I have it on good authority that one of the major production companies in Hollywood plans on doing a remake of Pinocchio. Being considered for the lead role, my sources claim is a wrestling promoter in Connecticut. No props will be needed, really. It seems every time his lips move, his nose grows...Okay, I want to get one point perfectly clear -- the next time anyone has a bad word to direct at Bruno Sammartino -- you have a knuckle sandwich coming from me. Has anyone begun printing BRUNO FOR PRESIDENT bumper stickers? Certainly he has a chance to get more votes than Jerry Brown.

By the way, this past weekend while watching WWF TV wrestling I saw an "occasional laborer," not an employee mind you, ring announcing...The best two looking babes in wrestling and motion pictures -- Madusa and Ellen Barkin, anyone want to counter? A couple of names from wrestling's past are experiencing hospital stays. Big John Studd returned to his Virginia home on March 13 after a week's stay due to a knee operation. Professor Boris Malenko is on the mend from stomach surgery. If you have a few minutes, drop Malenko a letter reminiscing about his days terrorizing the circuits he toured. Write the Professor at: Dabbs Business Park, 9420 Lazy Lane, Tampa, Florida 33614.

Speaking of Malenko, after being around the arenas for two decades, six of the nicest human beings I've ever had the pleasure of meeting (in no special order) from the veterans group are Walter Kowalski, Al Costello, Lou Thesz, Nicolai Volkoff, Luis Martinez and Malenko...The Honky Tonk Man belongs on the WCW roster, case closed! A feud with Johnny B. Badd would be a nice place to introduce the Memphis native.

Okay, if you want nostalgia and to learn the true meaning of endurance, well my friends I have two words for you: Boyd Pierce. The former TV commentator and ring announcer has carried out those duties in 6 different decades. It was in Ft. Worth, Texas during 1947 that Boyd introduced his first set of contestants. Get this, to make his announcing commitment in Houston years ago, Boyd hopped on a plane in Paris, changed flights in London, then to New York City, on to Atlanta, then finally touching down in Houston -- in time to greet the fans.

Should the NWA title match come off, perhaps WCW should think of having Harley Race as the guest referee, and play up his rich NWA history...Race and Vader come across as killers... Physically, isn't the similarities between Sting and Marcus Alexander Bagwell mind-boggling? Put some face paint on MAB and he could pass as the champ's brother...With such a distinguished collegiate wrestling background why then does Rick Steiner have to be presented as George Steele's off-spring?

Ron Simmons deserves a bigger push. It's hard to

believe he was once teaming with The Iron Sheik a couple of years back...How's this for a new and promising-to-be thrilling program out of Atlanta -- Freebirds vs. The Fantastics: Bobby and Jackie? Bring Tommy Rogers along to challenge Brian Pillman.

How's this for a show's line-up. Back on February 7, 1982 in Greensboro, NC Flair vs. Steamboat, Slaughter vs. Windham, Ole Anderson and Stan Hansen vs. Ray Stevens and Pat Patterson, and Jesse Ventura with Adrian Adonis vs. Terry Taylor and Tim Horner. And there were five more matches that evening!! Speaking of "White Lightning" Horner, let's have a show of hands -- how many believe he is the most under-used, light heavyweight deserving a chance on the big-time level? The guy can work -- book him. Here's a grand deal to leave you with -- I'll trade you an autographed photo of Francisco Flores for one of Pete Sanchez and Tony Altamore -- only if they are in mint condition.

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